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SPECIAL NOTICE TO WHOLESALERS, SECONDARY WHOLESALERS and UNCLASSIFIED ACQUIRERS OF CIGARETTES

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In the near future, the State of Michigan will be replacing the current tobacco stamp with a slightly larger stamp that includes a unique ten-digit identifying number. This change in stamp design is expected to enhance tobacco enforcement efforts by assisting the Michigan Departments of Treasury and State Police in identifying and tracking valid cigarette stamps applied by legitimate licensed sources.

Wholesalers and Unclassified Acquirers may continue to apply the current five-digit stamp to cigarette packs sold in Michigan while supplies last. The Department of Treasury will fill stamp orders with the new ten-digit stamps as existing stamp inventories are depleted.

Properly maintained stamping equipment should consistently attach the new stamps in a manner that ensures 100 percent of the unique ten-digit identifier is visible and legible. If your machines are not applying the new stamps in a manner that preserves and protects the ten-digit identifier, contact your stamping equipment vendor or maintenance professional.

You should also be aware that, in the future, the Department of Treasury will be moving to a more efficient process for cigarette stamp distribution. The procedure for ordering stamps will remain unchanged, but the stamps will be shipped directly to you from the manufacturer.

Contact the Michigan Department of Treasury, Tobacco Tax Unit at (517) 636-4630 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the new ten-digit stamp.